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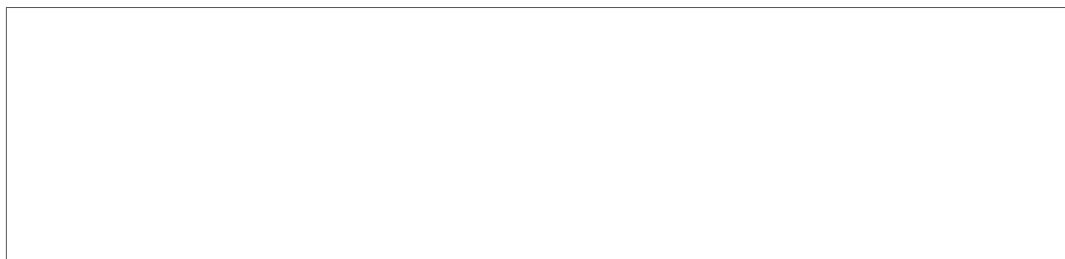
January 6, 1972

MEMORANDUM FOR: DR. KISSINGER

FROM: ASHLEY C. HEWITT *ACH*

SUBJECT: Soviet Naval Activities and Facilities in Cuba

Attached at Tab A is a report we requested from CIA on the status of Soviet naval activities and facilities in Cuba. The report reaches the following conclusions:



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- There has been no significant new construction at naval facilities in Cuba.
- The current delivery of two Osa-class guided missile patrol boats and an accompanying increase in Styx missile deliveries mark the only change in Cuban naval capabilities in recent months. It is not clear whether the Osa-class boats are to replace Komar-class units provided by the Soviets during the 1960's, or whether the Osa-class boats are being provided in addition to the Komar-class boats.

This report does not alter the conclusion that the Soviets have in effect established a continuous naval presence in the Caribbean based in Cuba.

Attachment:
Tab A- CIA Report

cc: Mr. Sonnenfeldt.

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